

Colorado State Forest- State Park Trails: Permits are required

Michigan Ditch Road *Difficulty:* Easy
Length: 5 miles *Use:* Heavy
For: Foot traffic

A beginner's trail with gorgeous views and easy backcountry access. Park at Cameron Pass, cross CO 14, and follow the ditch road. At 3 miles the road forks left (difficult) or stays along the ditch. At the 5 mile mark there is real avalanche danger and further skiing is not recommended.

American Lakes *Difficulty:* Difficult
Length: 6-10 miles *Use:* Heavy
For: Snowmobiles, foot traffic

Access the trail from Michigan Ditch at the 3 mile mark or from Lake Agnes trailhead. (Lake Agnes access requires some uphill skiing and has more snowmobilers.) Marvelous views of Nokhu Crags and Thunder Pass. Avalanche danger exists.

Lake Agnes *Difficulty:* Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles *Use:* Heavy
For: Foot traffic

Park along CO 14, about 2 miles past Cameron Pass. Follow the road (shared with snowmobiles) to a meadow below CO 14. Turn right 1.5 miles, up a steep road (no snowmobiles) to Lake Agnes. The lake is flanked by Nokhu Crags. Excellent skiing. Avalanche danger exists.

Wilderness Regulations:

- Maximum group size 12 people
- NO snowmobiles
- DOGS on leash

Backcountry Safety:

- Check avalanche conditions
- Carry navigation tools (maps, GPS)
- Tell someone your travel plans
- Take avalanche safety equipment if you will be in avalanche areas
- Stay hydrated
- Always be prepared to spend the night

In your backpack:

- Extra clothing, food and water
- First aid kit, matches and firestarter
- Ski/snowshoe repair kit
- Emergency blanket, tarp and rope
- Backpacking stove

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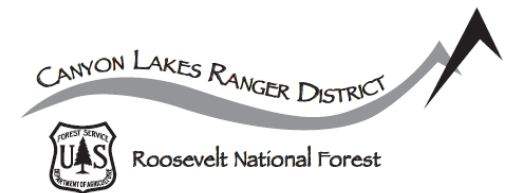
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Cameron Pass Winter Trails



Cross-country Skiing &
Snowshoeing



Montgomery Pass *Difficulty: Difficult*
Length: 2 miles *Use: Heavy*
For: Foot traffic

One of the best bowl areas at the Pass. Park at Zimmerman Lake parking lot and cross CO 14 at the lot's east end. The trailhead has a sign and markers. It rises steeply through old forest for 2 miles, breaking through tree line just below Montgomery Pass. There is avalanche danger on the treeless slopes. Appropriate for serious skiers with avalanche equipment.

Cameron Connection *Difficulty: Easy*
Length: 2 miles *Use: Light*
For: Foot traffic

This trail connects Cameron Pass and the Zimmerman Lake parking lot. Access from either trailhead, following the blue diamonds through scenic spruce and fir forest.

Joe Wright *Difficulty: Easy*
Length: 0.6-1.0 mile loops *Use: Light*
For: Foot traffic

This trail is a figure-eight shape. Park at Joe Wright Reservoir and cross CO 14. Walk east downhill 200 yards to the bulletin board; follow the blue diamonds.

Zimmerman Lake & Loop
Difficulty: Moderate *Length: 1.5 & 1 mile*
For: Foot traffic

Park at Zimmerman Lake trailhead. The trail starts near the restroom. Follow the wide, steep road to Zimmerman Lake—enjoy views of Montgomery Pass. A loop winds around the lake. Don't confuse the Lake trail with the Meadows Trail (branches off to the left) or you will end up far from the parking lot.

The Meadows *Difficulty: Moderate*
Length: 4.6 miles *Use: Light*
For: Foot traffic-WILDERNESS

This trail, marked with signs and poles, goes from Zimmerman Lake to Long Draw parking lot via the Neota Wilderness. ROUTE FINDING SKILLS REQUIRED in fresh snow. You will need a vehicle shuttle if you ski it one-way. Access the trail on the NE side of Zimmerman Lake and drop through scenic forest and meadows to Long Draw Rd. Ski north to Long Draw ski trail connection and Long Draw parking lot.

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Sawmill Creek *Difficulty: Moderate*
Length: 3.5 miles *Use: Heavy*
For: Foot traffic

Park at the Blue Lake Trailhead; walk 100 yards west along CO 14 to a closed road. (Do not park in front of trail—you could be ticketed and plowed.) At 2 miles the trail splits. Follow the NW road into a large clear cut. Watching for stumps, go southwest across the clear cut, following faint trails for 2 miles to tree line. Proceed into the north or south cirques of Sawmill Creek. Great skiing, but avalanche danger exists.

Green Ridge Road *Difficulty: Difficult*
Length: 17 miles *Use: Light*
For: Snowmobiles, foot traffic

Park at the junction of CO 14 and Laramie River Road. This road is closed to cars in winter and is heavily used by snowmobiles. Ski north on the road 1.5 miles to Green Ridge Trailhead. The trail passes Lost, Laramie and Twin Lakes, with views of the Rawah Wilderness, ending at Deadman Rd.

Laramie River Road *Difficulty: Easy*
Length: 20 miles *Use: Moderate*
For: Snowmobiles, foot traffic

Use the same parking area as Green Ridge Trail but continue north along the road. At 3 miles the road drops into Laramie River Valley, accessing difficult Rawah Wilderness trails.

Trap Park *Difficulty: Moderate*
Length: 6 miles *Use: Light*
For: Partly snowmobiles, foot traffic

Park at Long Draw Trailhead. Take the ski trail to Long Draw Road; follow the road for 3 miles to Trap Park turnoff. This road is used by snowmobiles, but allows quick entry into Neota Wilderness (snowmobiles not allowed) via Trap Park. Avalanche danger exists at the beginning and end of the trail.

Blue Lake *Difficulty: Moderate*
Length: 5 miles *Use: Heavy*
For: Foot traffic-WILDERNESS

Park at Blue Lake Trailhead; the trail starts near the bulletin board. It is not marked beyond the Wilderness boundary and can be hard to find. Great views of the Rawahs. Follow the drainage to Blue Lake. ROUTE FINDING SKILLS REQUIRED.